

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (currently amended): A method of producing a thermosensitive stencil paper comprising a thermoplastic resin film and a porous resin layer provided thereon, comprising the steps of coating on said thermoplastic resin film a porous resin layer formation coating liquid comprising a water-in-oil emulsion of a resin, said emulsion having a continuous oil phase and a discontinuous water phase and said resin being present in said continuous phase and not in said discontinuous phase, and drying said coating liquid, thereby providing said porous resin layer on said thermoplastic resin film.

Claim 12 (original): The method of producing a thermosensitive stencil paper as claimed in Claim 11, wherein said porous resin layer formation coating liquid is prepared in such a manner that said resin and an emulsifier are dissolved in a good solvent with respect to said resin to prepare a resin solution, and a non-solvent with respect to said resin is added dropwise to said resin solution with stirring to prepare said water-in-oil emulsion of said resin.

Claim 13 (withdrawn): The method of producing a thermosensitive stencil paper as claimed in Claim 11, wherein said porous resin layer formation coating liquid is prepared in such a manner

that said resin is dissolved in a good solvent with respect to said resin to prepare a resin solution, and a non-solvent with respect to said resin which comprises an emulsifier is added dropwise to said resin solution with stirring to prepare said water-in-oil emulsion of said resin.

Claim 14 (original): The method of producing a thermosensitive stencil paper as claimed in Claim 11, wherein said resin for use in said water-in-oil emulsion comprises a thermoplastic resin.

Claim 15 (withdrawn): The method of producing a thermosensitive stencil paper as claimed in Claim 14, wherein said thermoplastic resin is a polyurethane resin.

Claim 16 (original): The method of producing a thermosensitive stencil paper as claimed in Claim 14, wherein said thermoplastic resin is a polyvinyl butyral resin.

Claim 17 (original): The method of producing a thermosensitive stencil paper as claimed in Claim 11, wherein said porous resin layer has pores with a diameter of 5  $\mu\text{m}$  or more therein, with said pores occupying an area of 4 to 80% of the entire surface area of said porous resin layer, provided that the pore diameter is obtained by converting the form of a pore into a true round.

Claim 18 (original): The method of producing a thermosensitive stencil paper as claimed in Claim 11, wherein said thermoplastic resin film exhibits a permeability of 1.0 to 157  $\text{cm}^3/\text{cm}^2\cdot\text{sec}$  when perforations are made in said thermoplastic resin film corresponding to a solid image portion so that said perfora-

tions may occupy an area of 40% or more of the total area of said solid image portion.

Claim 19 (original): The method of producing a thermosensitive stencil paper as claimed in Claim 11, wherein said porous resin layer formation coating liquid further comprises a filler.

Claim 20 (original): The method of producing a thermosensitive stencil paper as claimed in Claim 11, wherein said thermosensitive paper exhibits a bending rigidity of 5 mN or more.

Claim 21 (withdrawn): The method of producing a thermosensitive stencil paper as claimed in Claim 15, wherein said water-in-oil emulsion of said polyurethane resin is prepared in such a manner that finely-divided particles are dispersed in a solution of said polyurethane resin to prepare a dispersion, said finely-divided particles being produced by allowing an active hydrogen containing polyfunctional compound to react with an organic polyisocyanate, and said dispersion is prepared into said water-in-oil emulsion using an emulsifier.